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### **Service Awards Ceremony to Honor Police Employees and Residents**

The Durham Police Department (DPD) is holding its annual Service Awards ceremony on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., at Durham City Hall (101 City Hall Plaza). The ceremony will feature 11 individual awards and nine group awards. Recognitions include the Community Service Medal; Certificates of Merit; Police Medal; Distinguished Service Medal; Civilian of the Year; Officer of the Year; Purple Heart and the Medal of Valor.

DPD's Service Awards ceremony will be broadcast live on the Durham Television Network (DTN), the official government access channel for the City of Durham and Durham County. DTN is available on AT&T U-verse channel 99 and Time Warner Cable channel 8. In addition, DTN is available via [live stream](#) from the City's website, [www.durhamnc.gov](http://www.durhamnc.gov).

#### **History of DPD's Awards Ceremony**

The Durham Police Department held its first awards ceremony in 2010 to recognize the "above and beyond" public safety contributions of DPD officers and non-sworn employees, residents and organizations. Nominations are submitted by DPD employees and the general public. An awards committee of DPD employees evaluates each nomination and coordinates the Service Awards ceremony which is usually held in May as part of the department's National Police Week observance. This year's official National Police Week dates are Sunday, May 15, to Saturday, May 21, 2016.

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